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	Kevin Bates	2155	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tripp (6,516,337).

Regarding claim 1, Tripp discloses a directory (a central catalog) which has a first conduit between the directory and a first site; a second conduit between the directory and a second site (Column 5, lines 47 – 51); a receiver function (Column 5, lines 36 – 38) to accept: a first local catalog of directory information from the first site and a second local content catalog of directory information from the second site (Column 5, lines 38 – 45); and a global catalog of directory information that comprises the first local catalog and the second local catalog (Column 5, lines 36 – 38).

Regarding claim 2, Tripp discloses the idea that the first site and second site respectively reports the first local catalog and second local catalog to the receiver function according to a predetermined schedule (Column 6, lines 40 – 44).

Regarding claim 3, Tripp discloses that the first conduit and the second conduit each comprise the Internet (Column 5, lines 12 – 14).

Regarding claim 4, Tripp discloses the idea that the first and second local catalogs provide location information for a plurality of content objects (Column 5, lines 15 – 25).

Regarding claim 5, Tripp discloses the idea that the location information comprises at least a file name (Column 6, lines 13 – 14) and an address (Column 5, lines 14 – 15).

Regarding claim 6, Tripp discloses the idea of a first timer; and a second timer, wherein: the first local catalog is removed from the global catalog if the first site fails to respond before the first timer expires, and the second local catalog is removed from the global catalog if the second site fails to respond before the second timer expires (Column 10, lines 11 – 15).

Regarding claim 7, Tripp discloses a search web page and a directory web page that is coupled to the global catalog (Column 9, lines 57 – 60).

Regarding claim 8 and 15, see the rationale for the rejection to claim 1.

Regarding claim 9 and 16, see the rationale for the rejection to claim 2.

Regarding claim 10 and 17, see the rationale for the rejection to claim 3.

Regarding claim 12 and 18, see the rationale for the rejection to claim 4.

Regarding claim 13 and 19, see the rationale for the rejection to claim 5.

Regarding claim 14 and 20, see the rationale for the rejection to claim 6.

Regarding claim 15, see the rationale for the rejection to claim 7.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U. S. Patent No. 6,038,599 issued to Black.

U. S. Patent No. 6,606,657 issued to Ziberstein.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Bates whose telephone number is (703) 605-0633. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on (703) 308-6662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.

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